

## BUREAU CHIEFS TO BE ASKED TO LIST UNDERPAID CLERKS

House Committee Hears That Over One-third Are Paid Less Than \$840.

### STRIKING EVIDENCE HEARD

Treasurer of Employees' Union Alleges Discrimination in Service Exists.

Impressed by successive stories of Government employees who are struggling to live on meager salaries here, the subcommittee of the House Labor Committee considering the Nolan bill will ask the chief clerks of the various departments in Washington to furnish a table showing how many Government clerks are receiving less than \$1,000 a year.

Congressman Nolan, a member of the subcommittee, has decided to ask for this information following the testimony of Miss Florence Etheridge, treasurer of the Federal Employees' Union, who said before the subcommittee late yesterday additional stories of the uphill battle of underpaid employees.

Less Than \$840.

Mr. Nolan's bill provides for a minimum salary of \$30 per month, or \$360 a year, but Miss Etheridge told the committee that her tabulation shows that "Out of the classified and unclassified employees in the departments here 34.5-10 per cent are getting along on salaries of less than \$840 a year."

Mr. Nolan said he collected several years ago statistics showing the number of employees getting less than \$30 per month, but the subcommittee will ask that these figures be brought up to date.

Miss Etheridge read to the committee yesterday afternoon several letters from underpaid employees. One told the story of a \$720 employee, who said:

"I have lost my savings, I have lost my home, I have lost my wife, I have lost my children, and I have almost lost courage to continue the struggle."

Looks for Reunion.

His home, this writer explained, had been taken from him when the increased cost of living made it impossible for him to keep up the payments contracted when the living cost was lower. His wife, the man said, finally became disheartened with the constant struggle and left husband and children. Then the father put the children in a charitable institution and continued to work at \$720 per year.

Passage of the Nolan bill, he said, might mean the reunion of his family.

Lars W. Erickson, an unskilled laborer getting \$2 a day, without sick or annual leave, related the difficulties of keeping the wolf from his door. He said he had a wife and one small child.

Gives His Costs.

"It has been impossible to make ends meet," he said. "After paying \$17 a month for rent, \$25 for food, \$4 for washing, \$2 for insurance, and \$2 for the boy's Sunday school, I have \$4 or \$5 left to buy clothes, drugs, household wares, and other things for three persons. We have to buy the same food as you gentlemen; there is no cheap food now; no poor man's food. I tell you there is every incentive for a man or woman not related to do things they should not do."

Miss Etheridge told the House subcommittee that the great need among the clerks is organization into the employees' union so that their case may be properly presented to Congress.

Discrimination Alleged.

Miss Etheridge said the Federal Employees' Union had received a great many letters in response to appeals made at the last meeting of the organization and in last Sunday's newspapers from people receiving less than a living wage, who urged the enactment of the Nolan bill and gave actual personal experiences of their efforts to live on the small wages paid by the Government to many of them.

The larger proportion of the letters were turned over to the committee as real evidence of the needs of these people, to be placed in the record anonymously, though in many cases the writers of the letters have given their names.

Three letters might be grouped in two classes, she said, those from people employed as laborers, watchmen, messengers and attendants and those from the clerks and persons employed as skilled workmen.

Many of the letters laid stress upon conditions of discrimination and undue favor shown certain employees at the expense of others. This charge was probably true in eight cases out of ten, as almost anybody who has had experience and knowledge of the Government service knows that such discrimination exists in certain parts of the Government service particularly.

Miss Etheridge stated that it was the intention of the Federal Employees' Union to take up these matters at a later date and in co-operation with the supervisory employees and bureau chiefs, secure the alleviation of these conditions, which are regarded not so much as the fault of the men occupying those positions as of the circumstances and practices which have grown up around them.

## TO PROTEST SHOWING OF BIRTH OF A NATION

Mass Meeting Will Be Held Next Monday Night.

Protests against production in local theaters of "The Birth of a Nation" and other plays or motion pictures considered inimical to the welfare of colored people, are expected to be made at a mass meeting Monday night at St. Horeb Baptist Church, Sixteenth and B streets northwest.

The meeting is called by the Women's National Sentinel Civic Organization, of which Mrs. Helen A. Davis is president. Among those invited to speak are Dr. Mary Walker, former Judge E. M. Hewlett, Fountain Peyton, Perri Frisby, and 2nd Lt. Edwin Lockwood.

The call for the meeting states that one of its purposes is "to protest against lynching, which is on the increase," and also denounces race plays as "promoting the evil influence of race prejudice."

Curzon's Father Dead.

LONDON, March 24.—Baron Scarsdale (the Rev. Alfred Curzon), father of Earl Curzon, of Kedleston, died yesterday after an illness of several months. He was eighty-four years old.

## Suffragists Plan to Send War Correspondent on the Campaign Through West



MRS. ABBY SCOTT BAKER.

When the thirty-six women delegates from the Congressional Union organizations of the East board the "suffrage special" on April 9, for their field of activity in the West, they will be accompanied by a "war correspondent."

This fact became known today when it was announced at union headquarters that Mrs. Abby Scott Baker, of New York city, had been appointed to that position. Mrs. Baker will be in the front ranks of the organizers throughout the whole six weeks' campaign and will keep the women here at headquarters posted as to the minutest details of the organization work.

Mrs. Baker will be about the busiest delegate in the party, it is stated, for in addition to being "war correspondent" she will be the District of Columbia delegate and will have to do her share of the campaign work.

Mrs. Baker is said to be well equipped to handle the big assignment just given her. Her experience in press work is extensive and she is thoroughly acquainted with every detail of the suffrage situation at Washington and in the voting States. She formerly was national treasurer of the Congressional Union and now is treasurer of the District, a branch of the organization.

Visitors to the conference at the Cameron House on April 8 and 9 will be entertained at a farewell luncheon to be given just before the departure for the West. Miss Elizabeth Elder, of Philadelphia, who is passing the winter in Washington, is chairman of the committee on arrangements.

The speakers at the luncheon will be Mrs. Baker, Mrs. W. T. Burch, Miss Edith Goode, Miss Alice Paul, Miss Lucy Burns, Mrs. Harriot Stanton Blatch, Mrs. John Rogers and Mrs. Henry Bruere, of New York; Mrs. Florence Bayard Hilles, of Wilmington; Miss Ella Reigel, and Mrs. Lawrence Lewis, of Philadelphia.

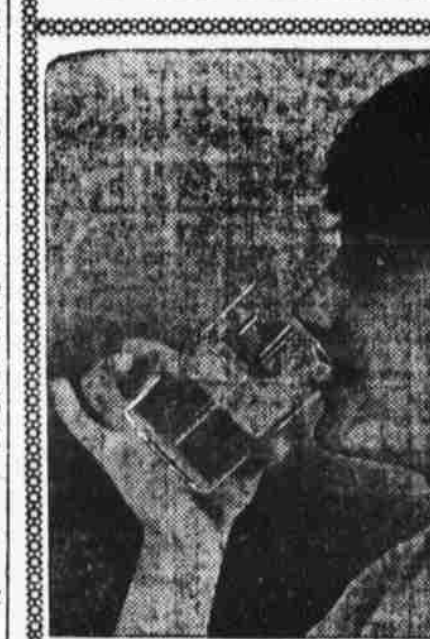
## Troop of Cavalry to Be Added to District Guard

By April 1 it is expected that a troop of cavalry, with 100 members, will be added to the national guard of the District under the title of Troop A, First Squadron of Cavalry.

The organization is being formed among members of the University Club by Arthur C. Smith, who has succeeded Assistant Paymaster R. W. Hickman, U. S. N., as organizing officer. Mr. Hickman received his appointment to the navy after he had arranged the details of the organization and turned the reins over to Mr. Smith.

The War Department will furnish thirty-two horses for the troop for drills at Fort Myer Sunday mornings. Regular army officers will superintend the organization and training of the men.

## Hot Water Each Morning Puts Roses in Your Cheeks



To look one's best and feel one's best is to enjoy an inside bath each morning to flush from the system the previous day's waste, sour fermentations and poisonous toxins before it is absorbed into the blood. Just as coal, when it burns, leaves behind a certain amount of incombustible material in the form of ash, so the food and drink taken each day leave in the alimentary organs a certain amount of indigestible material, which if not eliminated, form toxins and poisons which are then sucked into the blood through the very ducts which are intended to suck in only nourishment to sustain the body.

If you want to see the glow of healthy bloom in your cheeks, to see your skin get clearer and clearer, you are told to drink every morning upon arising, a glass of hot water with a teaspoonful of limestone phosphate in it, which is a harmless means of washing the waste material and toxins from the stomach, liver, kidneys and bowels, thus cleansing, sweetening and purifying the entire alimentary tract, before putting more food into the stomach.

## \$750,000 CLEARED BY GERMAN BAZAAR

Million Tickets Sold in New York in Twelve Days—Von Bernstorff There.

NEW YORK, March 24.—The German charity bazaar, which has packed Madison Square Garden day and night for the last twelve days, came to an end at midnight last night.

The last day was the biggest, and it was estimated by the management that more than 75,000 people visited the Garden at some time or other yesterday.

At 8 p. m. the amount of money taken totaled a little more than \$725,000, with still many thousands of dollars unaccounted for. The management said there was no doubt but that the total would be at least \$750,000 when all the returns were in.

Count von Bernstorff, the German ambassador, visited the bazaar in its closing hours, as did also the staffs of the German, Austro-Hungarian, and Turkish consulate generals.

It was stated that most of the prominent German-American, Austro-American, and other citizens of New York, who are of Teutonic origin or ancestry had visited the bazaar during the day. Practically all of them left a good sized donation to help swell the fund to the \$750,000 figure.

Count von Bernstorff did not make a speech, but privately expressed his appreciation of the success which had rewarded the efforts of those who organized and managed the big undertaking.

"We must thank all those who have contributed to this great charity," said Dr. Emanuel Baruch, president of the bazaar committee, "whether through large or small contributions, or by their presence. Nearly 1,000,000 tickets have been sold, and numbers of other thousands have waited night after night in the hope of getting in."

"What is most gratifying is that this success has been brought to not only by the great generosity of our citizens of German and Austro-Hungarian descent, but by all the elements and all the citizens who go to make up this splendid city."

## Gives Illustrated Talk On Mississippi Levees

John A. Fox, for a number of years superintendent of levee construction on the Mississippi river, last night gave an illustrated lecture at the National Press Club, showing the work that has been done to keep the great waterway in bounds and depicting the destruction that occurs when the river floods the delta region of the central valley.

Mr. Fox declared there was pressing need for immediate Congressional appropriation to complete the system of levees. He said \$40,000,000 would enable the construction of the missing links in the system, and the re-enforcements necessary.

Henry J. Sutton, of New York, gave a demonstration of memory training.

## Naval Expert Outlines History of Explosives

The history of explosives, from the days when black powder was the only known destructive instrument to the present day, when high explosives run to Latin names and are numbered by the score, was outlined last night before the Washington Academy of Sciences by Dr. Leo Baeklen, member of the naval consulting board.

The society met in the auditorium of the new National Museum building. Dr. Baeklen said that the United States was better able to manufacture nitro acid than any other country, because of its almost unlimited water power.

## Literacy Test Debate.

Debating teams of George Washington University and Catholic University will debate the question, "Resolved: That Immigration Should Be Further Restricted by the Imposition of a Literacy Test," April 23, at Catholic University.

## To Clear Mount Over Touring Car

Ralph Coffin to Attempt Feat With "Rabbit" at Horse Show Here.

Ralph Coffin, of this city, and his spectacular jumping horse, "Rabbit," are slated to furnish the principal feature of the National Capital horse show to be held May 6 to 11.

Instead of taking the four-foot hurdle, Mr. Coffin will attempt to clear his mount over the front of the biggest touring car that the management can find. He pulled this stunt successfully last night at the show grounds, Eighteenth and D streets, several days ago, and at the request of the show officials will try to repeat it during the five-day meet in May.

At a meeting of the executive committee of the show yesterday tentative approval was given the prize list, which for the distribution of cash prizes amounts to about \$5,000. In addition, a large number of silver cups and other trophies will be awarded the winners.

## Accused Policemen Are Offered District Counsel

Policemen Mason L. Howes and J. E. Elliott will have the benefit of District counsel if they so desire when they appear tomorrow morning in Police Court.

The two policemen will be arraigned to answer a charge of having unlawfully entered the home of Mrs. Rose Kennett, 328 Delaware avenue, without a warrant, a few nights ago.

At the request of Major Fullman, the District Commissioners have authorized the assignment of a member of the department counsel office to defend the men. This action was taken, the department contends that Howes and Elliott were on duty at the time of the offense.

Assistant Corporation Counsel Robert L. Williams has been detailed to handle the case, it was said today. The accused policemen were not indicated whether they will come into court with private counsel.

## Complain of Ventilation In Center-Entrance Cars

Complaint of lack of ventilation in center-entrance cars of the Ninth street line of the Washington Railway and Electric Company was filed with the Public Utilities Commission today by S. A. Moores, 332 Fourth street northwest, and Vernon W. Smith, 516 Randolph street northwest.

J. Kappayne, engineer of the commission, said the fans in these cars have been found to be unsatisfactory, and are now being replaced by automatic ventilators.

The survey of traffic conditions which is being made by the commission is nearing completion. It is expected a report will be submitted to the commission within the next two weeks.

## Picture Homes Aflame.

CHICAGO, March 24.—Out of twenty children war refugees in Paris, asked to draw a picture of "home," seventeen drew a picture of a house in flames, visitors from Paris reported here today.

## Why Tolerate Catarrh?

You have noticed, no doubt, that any cold aggravates nasal catarrh, and the flow of mucous amazes you that such objectionable matter could find lodgment in your head. To ignore this catarrh when the cold subsides is wrong because it continues to slowly injure the delicate linings of the nasal passages and clog them up.

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'Gets-It' is sold by druggists everywhere, 25c a bottle, or sent direct by E. Lawrence & Co., Chicago, Ill. Sold in Washington and recommended as the world's best corn remedy by O'Donnell's Drug Store, People's Drug Store, P. G. Affleck—Advt.



## C. W. MORSE BIDS FOR MARYLAND SHIP LINES

Reported to Have Offered Penny \$2,500,000 for Bay and River Concerns.

BALTIMORE, March 24.—Charles W. Morse, of New York, steamship magnate and former ice king, is reported to have made an offer of \$2,500,000 to the Pennsylvania Railroad Company for the Maryland, Delaware and Virginia Railway Company and the Baltimore, Chesapeake and Atlantic Railway Company.

The Pennsylvania must, in accordance with the provisions of the Panama canal act, dispose of these lines by next Thursday.

The offer is understood to have been submitted to directors of the two companies at a meeting held yesterday in the offices of the Pennsylvania railroad at Wilmington, Del.

The Maryland, Delaware and Virginia company operates between Baltimore and Washington, making the Potomac river landings on both the Maryland and the Virginia shores, while the Baltimore, Chesapeake and Atlantic line operates between this city and the Eastern Shore of Maryland.

Reports from Wilmington accredited the Eastern Shore Development Company with having made an offer of practically the same amount as that which Morse is said to have submitted. It is understood, however, that Morse's offer was cash, while the development company's offer involved a long period of payment.

Two special committees appointed to look after the sale of the properties. The members of the committees will not discuss the terms of the Morse offer.

## To Discuss Ku Klux And Reconstruction

"Reconstruction and the Ku Klux Klan" is the subject of a paper which Attorney General Thomas M. Gregory, who is a native of Mississippi, will read before the Mississippi Society tonight.

The meeting will be held at the Belmont Seminary, Thirtieth and Girard streets northwest, at 8 o'clock. The annual election of officers will take place tonight.

Mrs. Sonnevell, of Belmont Seminary, has arranged a musical program, which will be participated in by Prof. Anton Kaspar, violinist; Mrs. Francesca K. Lawson, soprano; and Miss Waugh, pianist.

## Bans Soft Ones, Too.

ABERDEEN, S. Dak., March 24.—Soft drink emporiums are closed today following Judge Thomas Bouck's discovery that hard drinks were poured in the soft drinks and high halls made.

## DRY OUT LOG OF ENGLISH WARSHIP

Coast Guard Officials Puzzled by Case of the Cumberland.

NORFOLK, Va., March 24.—Coast Guard officials today are drying out the log books of the British warship Cumberland, found off Chicomcomico station, in the hope of solving the mystery of their apparent loss by the English ship. There are seven of them.

All are illegible by virtue of long soaking. It was recalled today the Cumberland disappeared from its patrol off the Cape some time ago, presumably to search out the German raider Moewe which captured the Appam and sunk the Clan McTavish.

Coast Guard boats all along the coast were instructed today to keep a sharp lookout for other signs of the Cumberland and still believed today that the Cumberland may have engaged the German commerce raider.

## Fire Destroys One-Story Building at Navy Yard

A one-story building used as a mold shop and saw mill in the Washington Navy Yard was destroyed by fire last night.

The blaze was discovered about 10 o'clock. While the fire engines were on the way, the Navy Yard guard attempted the advance of the blaze.

As soon as the fire-fighting apparatus arrived, the flames were gotten under control. The damage is estimated at \$150.

## ITCHING ECZEMA IS A CONSTANT BLOOD CRY

The Blood Reaches Every Part of the Body Every Twelve Seconds.

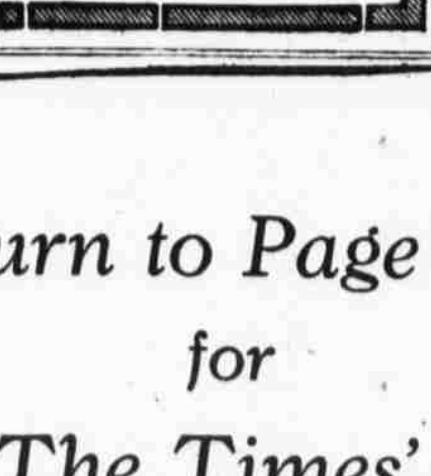
There are approximately 70,000,000 pores in the skin of a human body. These connect with the blood channels by means of little canals. These canals are sometimes filled with poisons and the skin scales and blisters, gets red and raw and becomes like so much tissue fire.

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## Meet at Synagogue.

An open meeting of the Bible and Literary Society of the Adath Israel Synagogue will be held at 8 o'clock Monday at the synagogue, Sixth and I streets northwest. A debate and musical entertainment will feature the program.

## Alkali Makes Soap Bad for Washing Hair

Most soaps and prepared shampoos contain too much alkali, which is very injurious, as it dries the scalp and makes the hair brittle.

The best thing to use is just plain mulsified coconut oil, for this is pure and entirely greaseless. It's very cheap, and beats the most expensive soaps or anything else all to pieces. You can get this at any drug store, and a few ounces will last the whole family for months.

Simply moisten the hair with water and rub it in, about a teaspoonful is all that is required. It makes an abundance of rich, creamy lather, cleanses thoroughly, and rinses out easily. The hair dries quickly and evenly, and is soft, fresh looking, bright, fluffy, wavy, and easy to handle. Besides, it loosens and takes out every particle of dust, dirt, and dandruff.—Advt.



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